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OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTS & SCIENCES IN CANADA.

CHAP. I.

1. THE Officers of the Society will be, a President, four Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, an Assistant Secretary and a Treasurer, who will be elected by ballot on the first Thursday in June of each year.

2. The Election will take place in the manner following :—The President having taken his seat shall receive the ballots in a box placed before him, and collect the suffrages in the presence of the members.

3. When the suffrages are equal, the Candidates shall decide by lot which of them shall be maintained in his Election, and this will be done through the ministry of the President.

4. On the occurrence of vacancies in any of the offices of the Society, whether by resignation or otherwise, the Society will elect other persons to such vacated office or offices to fill the same *pro tempore*.

5. The General Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer, will be chosen from amongst the members of the Society, and the discharge of their duty shall be gratuitous until it be deemed fit to allow them salaries.

CHAP. II.

OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

1. The duty of the President or of the Vice-Presidents (in the order in which they are named) will be to preside at all the sittings of the Society; to

direct the debates ; to submit and explain the questions discussed according to the sense and meaning of the Society, as well in the affirmative as in the negative—to repress irregularities ; to maintain good order in the debates and the sittings, and to attend to the proper observance of the Rules and Orders of the Society.

2. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Society will appoint a President for the sitting.

CHAP III.

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

1. The General Secretary will assist at every sitting of the Society and will keep the minutes of its proceedings which he shall read at the subsequent sitting. He will be the medium through which the Secretary's Correspondence shall take place, but previous to forwarding any answer to communications addressed to the Society, or replying to any questions officially submitted, he will submit the same to the Committee of correspondence for its approval. He will keep a Methodical Register of the transactions of the Society, of the premiums or honorary rewards distributed by it ; of the objects for which they may have been conferred, together with the names of the individuals who have received them, their residence and the time of delivery ; all advertisements, publications, and other official documents will appear in his name, by order of the Society.

2. In the absence of the General Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall discharge all his duties.

CHAP. IV.

OF THE TREASURER.

1. His duty will be to receive all the monies coming to the Society, and to account for the same to the Committee of accounts, as often as he may be required

so to do by them; and he will deposit the funds of the Society in one of the incorporated Banks of this City. No sum whatever shall be paid by him out of the said funds without an express order from the Committee of Accounts.

2. He will keep by him statements of all sums received, as well from annual subscription as through other means, and also statements of the monies expended for the Society in the course of each year. He will have in his possession a list of the members of the Society, and at every general meeting will report to the Society the names of such of its members as may have neglected to pay their subscription money. All the receipts for subscriptions or for other sums received for the society will be signed by him on behalf of the Society.

CHAP. V.

OF THE SITTINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. There shall be four general sittings of the Society in the course of each year, which will be held at six o'clock, P. M. in Winter, and at seven P. M. in Summer, on the first Thursday in June, September, December and March. These shall be called the ordinary sittings, but at these sittings an extraordinary sitting may be requested and convoked accordingly; as also at the request of any five members during the intervals, in which latter case the Society shall be called together by order of the President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, by giving one public notification thereof in two of the newspapers published at Quebec.

2. The quorum of the Society will consist of eleven members.

3. The annual meeting of the Society will be held on the first Thursday of March each year.

4. All decisions of the Society will be governed by the voice of the majority, those cases only excepted, where it is or might hereafter be otherwise provided.

5. The Society prohibits any discussion or delibera-

tion touching the religious or political affairs of this country.

CHAP. VI.

OF THE CLASSES.

1. With a view to afford every member an opportunity of following, with advantage, any department of Knowledge to which he might be desirous of devoting particular attention, the Society will be divided into 3 Classes, which will have their respective and separate Sitzings and deliberations. The first shall be called, the *Commercial Class*; its attention will be directed to Agriculture, Commerce, Manufactures and Mechanics. The second, shall be called, the *Literary Class*; it will comprehend Literature, History, Philology, Speculative Philosophy, the Polite Arts, and generally all things connected with the dominion of the Imagination. The third, will be the *Philosophic Class*; its objects will be Natural History, Chemistry, Botany, Physics, Mathematics and all Natural Sciences.

2. The President of the Society and the four Vice Presidents will be, of right, Presidents of either of the Classes; and each class shall moreover elect annually a Vice-President to provide in their absence; and likewise a Secretary for the year.

3. The Secretary of the respective Classes will deposit with the General Secretary of the Society, the minutes of the proceedings of the Classes at each general sitting of the Society, as also all other documents relative to such Class, when he shall cease to be such Secretary; and it will be the duty of the General Secretary to put his Successor in possession of all such papers and documents as were thus deposited with him.

4. All Communications in the intervals of the sittings, between the Classes and the Society, shall be made by the Secretary of each Class to the General Secretary.

5. Every Class will be bound to submit to the Society at each of its ordinary general sittings, the various matters that may have been submitted to them respectively or to which they may have desired their attention,

observing to do so in such a form as to facilitate their examination by the Society.

6. Every Member of the Society shall be held, upon his admission thereto, to signify to the General Secretary the Class or Classes, to which he would be more particularly desirous to belong. It being well understood nevertheless that all the Members of one Class will have a right to assist at and take a part in the deliberations of the other Classes.

7. The quorum of each of the Classes shall not be less than *five*, including the President and Secretary, both of whom, in case of absence, shall be represented *pro tempore* by such of the other Members as the Classes may think fit to nominate to those offices respectively.

8. The general Secretary, the assistant Secretary and Treasurer, will enjoy all the rights and privileges of other Members with regard to the Classes, and shall be eligible to the offices of the several Classes; provided always that the General Secretary be ineligible to the Secretaryship of either of the Classes.

9. It will be the duty of each Class to propose to the Society such subjects as it may deem expedient to have the general voice upon, and to recommend such reward as it may conceive judicious, and all subjects thus recommended by a Class will always be referred to such Class whose business it will be to report upon the different productions of concurring candidates for the subjects proposed at a sitting to precede immediately that at which the honorary reward shall be conferred.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE MEMBERS THEIR DUTIES & THEIR PRIVILEGES.

1. No person shall be admitted as a Member of this Society, without having been previously proposed by one member, seconded by another member, and without having obtained a majority of voices. But before he shall be thus proposed, it will be the duty of the Member proposing him, to give in to the General Secretary, at a previous sitting, a written document con-

taining the Name, Profession and Residence of the Candidate who shall not be ballotted but at the ensuing sitting.

2. Every person thus elected, shall pay before taking his seat, the amount of *his* annual subscription in the hands of the Treasurer.

3. Every Member shall pay annually in advance a sum not less than one guinea, and every Member who shall pay a sum not less than ten guineas will be exempt from all annual subscription and contributions and be called a *Perpetual Member*.

4. Ladies may also become Members of the Society and upon their being proposed by three Members, they shall be admitted without ballot. They only will have a right to vote at the Election of Officers by a proxy who will be bound to produce his authority in writing.

5. All the Members of the Clergies recognized by the law of the Country will also be elected without ballot, as also the Members of the Legislative and Executive Councils and the Members of the House of Assembly.

6. Such Members as shall not have paid the amount of their annual subscriptions, within one month after having been thereunto requested by the Treasurer, shall be deprived of voting; and at the expiration of six months their name shall be taken out of the list of Members (unless their neglect be caused by absence) But it is hereby provided that such Members may be afterwards re-elected, in the same manner as if they had never been Members of the Society, upon their paying the arrears of subscription by them due.

7. Every duly elected Member shall receive upon payment of his subscription money, a Copy of the Rules and Orders of the Society, and there shall be given to each Member a Diploma under the hand of the President, countersigned by the General Secretary, bearing the Seal of the Society.

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CHAPTER VIII.

OF THE HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

1. The Society may appoint as Honorary Members, all persons residing out of Canada, who may be known by their works in any of the Departments of Arts and Sciences ; and as corresponding Members, those whose connexion with the Society might tend to the furtherance of its views.

2. Every person thus elected shall receive a Diploma to that effect under the signature of the President, countersigned by the General Secretary, and under the Seal of the Society. He will be free to assist at all the sittings of the Society, but shall have no voice in the deliberation, and shall be subject to no contribution or subscription whatever.

3. It will be the duty of the General Secretary to communicate to every Honorary or Corresponding Member, such parts of the Rules and Orders of this Society as it may be deemed fit they should know, signifying to them at the same time, the desire of the Society that each of its Members convey to it, all discoveries or ameliorations they may have occasion to make or which may have come to their knowledge in any of the departments of the Sciences and Arts.

CHAP. IX.

OF THE COMMITTEES.

1. The Society may appoint, at all times Committees to report on any subjects it may think fit to propose, which Committees shall be in all cases, subject to the General Rules and Orders of the Society, with the power of naming such Officers and to make such rules as they may consider fit to maintain good order in their proceedings and facilitate their enquiries.

2. Every year there shall be appointed, 1st. a Committee of accounts of which one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society will be President, and the Treasurer, of a number of eight ; 2d. A Committee of correspon-

dence, of which the General Secretary of the Society shall be one. These Committees shall report once a year at least, and oftener if required by the Society.

3. Every Member of the Society may assist at all Classes, and take a part in the proceedings, and shall have a right to vote therein.

4. No Committee shall be allowed to examine other subjects than those which may have been referred to them.

5. Any Member proposing to name a Committee, will of right be a Member of such Committee.

6. The Quorum of a Committee will be the majority of its Members.

7. The Committees will have a right to request the attendance or solicit information of any individual in or out of the Society, but they shall not grant or tender him any reward for his attendance without an express order to that effect from the Society.

8. The Society may request such of its Members as reside out of the City of Quebec to form themselves into Committees of Correspondence, which shall be subject to the same duties and enjoy the same privileges as the other Committees, and they shall report their proceedings, through an honorary Secretary they will appoint to that effect, to the General Secretary of the Society.

9. Each Corresponding Committee may recommend rewards or prizes for divers subjects it may approve, and then shall be conferred by such Committee with the sanction however of the Society which will be deemed to award them itself.

10. The Society trusts that all the Committees of Correspondence will convey to it all information that may come to their knowledge, particularly on Natural productions, as also the models or descriptions of the divers ameliorations that may have obtained the Arts, or any discovery in Science.

CHAP. X.

OF THE PRIZES OR REWARDS.

1. Having principally in view the encouragement of the productions of genius and the efforts of indus-

try, by rewards and testimonials of approbation, the Society, will after the recommendation of each of the Classes, propose such rewards as it may think fit for the various subjects it may approve.

2. The Prizes or Rewards shall be awarded to those only who reside in Canada, the object being to encourage Arts and Science in this Country.

3. Every production of the Candidate for a prize shall be sent to the General Secretary under an envelope bearing a Motto, which motto shall also be set on sealed note, containing the Candidate's name. No production shall be received without the observance of this precaution, in order that the successful Candidate only be known.

4. All persons, whether in or out of the Society may propose in his own name, any subject, invention, discovery or amelioration, as worthy of a reward, whereupon the Society shall consider and award such prize or honorary reward as it may deem fit and proper.

5. The prizes shall be awarded at each of the ordinary General Meetings of the Society, through the Ministry of the President, to the Candidate in person, and at these Meetings all the Members of the Society, will be at liberty to introduce as auditors their friends and acquaintances.

6. The productions of a candidate for the prizes offered by the Society or for any other subject that shall treat of the Sciences or Arts, shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Society who will hand it over to the Secretary of the Class to which it may belong, which class shall proceed to the consideration of such production, and report its opinion thereupon to the Society. : Provided always that any production, for which the Society shall have offered no prize or reward, may be sent under the name of the author, and although such production may not have been contemplated by the Society, it may upon the recommendation of one of the Classes award for the same, such mark of approbation, premium or honorary reward as it may think proper.

X. TESSIER, Genl. Secy.